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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged to mostly higher throughout the country. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was mixed, occasionally light to very good at times, although usually good, with best movement stimulated by the scattered feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to close, and often held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies ranged adequate to at times ample for the light demand. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, the larger sizes ranged from .5 cents lower to 1 cent higher and mediums were unchanged to 1 cent higher; in Boston, the larger sizes were unchanged to 4 cents higher and mediums were unchanged to 1 cent higher when based on previous week averages. In New England, prices were 1 cent higher for extra large through medium and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. The market tone was fully steady to at times firm. Demand was generally good, best where items were featured. Supplies were usually adequate and held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to ample. Light type hens were fully sufficient for trading needs.

**NEW YORK** Prices were one cent higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Demand into all outlets was good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to close and held with confidence.

**MIDWEST EGG** Prices in Detroit and major Wisconsin and Ohio cities were higher for the larger sizes and mediums. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged for all sizes. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good to very good, with the best interest coming from feature activity. Food service movement was fair to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to instances close and were held with confidence. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Most breakers were keeping a close eye on inventories as they planned for shorted schedules during the upcoming holidays. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices were unchanged for all sizes. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand light to moderate best where features are planned or in progress. Offerings were generally adequate for trade needs.

**SOUTHERN** In Florida, prices were lower. In Atlanta and elsewhere, prices were higher. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Demand ranged moderate to fairly good, and was generally improved entering the week. Supplies of all sizes were usually adequate to well balanced. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending December 10, 1999, was 7 cents less than the week before, and 35.81 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to ample from regular sources, and demand for additional product was only fair. Light type hens were fully sufficient for current slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices 6 cents higher on all sizes in California; 5 cents higher on the large sizes, 2 cents higher on medium in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 9% lower than last Monday with California down 11% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 5%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	93-95	82-84	60-62
New York	58-60	55-58	43-46
Philadelphia	52.5-58	50.5-56	40-43
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	46-47	44.5-46	36-37
Jackson (1)	56-57	53-54	45-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	56-69	53-67	41-55
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	46-51	45-50	34-39
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	30-33
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	31-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	34-41
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	64-65	59-61	48-49
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	84	77	69
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 6 cents higher on all sizes. The California inventory was 11 % lower than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings light. Small invoice price 49. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 135-139.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	97		
EXTRA LARGE	84		
LARGE	77		
MEDIUM	69		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>		<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	229-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	189-235
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	179-229
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-179

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 17, 1999 will increase by 16 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 10, 1999 were 282,446 cases which was 7 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	250,480	31,966	282,446
% change from the prior week.....	-9	+7	-7

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged for heavy nest runs and were slightly higher for checks and undergrades. Breakers were working off of existing inventories and were keeping a close eye on inventories as the shortened holiday weeks approach. Offerings were adequate for the light demand. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	18-21
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	5-8

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Trading levels were slightly higher. Demand was mixed, usually no better than moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was only steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-19.5	10-15	14.59

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices ranged unchanged to lower, although majority trading was unchanged to higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fairly good for ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal to heavy. Undertone was usually steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-DEC-99

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-16.5	8-14.5	10.53
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Dec 13,1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.3	9.3	5.3	21.2	6.7	47.8
	Change	-0.3	2.1	0.8	10.1	-0.3	35%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	21.2	12.3	25.8	18.9	101.7
	Change	-2.2	-11.0	2.6	-1.9	-10.5	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	48.9	62.3	52.2	70.3	84.2	317.9
	Change	5.7	-6.7	-1.7	-2.1	-2.2	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.8	28.9	11.7	24.7	19.0	97.1
	Change	-5.3	-3.1	0.4	-3.3	-0.1	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	4.1	3.7	7.9	6.5	25.5
	Change	-1.3	-1.7	1.5	1.2	-0.5	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	24.0	8.1	12.0	5.0	54.1
	Change	0.3	4.5	2.9	0.2	-0.2	17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.4	58.2	21.5	24.4	49.0	189.5
	Change	-4.1	-19.8	2.2	-3.6	-4.7	-14%
Total	Curr Wk	135.2	208.0	114.8	186.3	189.3	833.6
Percent	Change	-5%	-15%	8%	0%	-9%	-6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	833.6	-6%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	475.7	-4%	40
Total Shell Egg	1309.3	-5%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 06, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	162	158.9	149.9	108.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 06, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	126	126	116	76

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**—DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 10, 1999

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	10.00	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	7.00	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	17.00
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CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC	NW		SW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG					DST	ORG	DST	ORG	
GNR W 1	—	37.00	32.33	33.25	—	—	5.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00		GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	25.00	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	16.00	—	1.00		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	65.50	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	53.00	—	—	—	1.00		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00									
GL W MD	—	—	26.00	27.33	—	—	4.00									
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.25	1.00									
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.00	15.00	—	—	1.00									

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**—WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/04/99-12/10/99

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	98.75	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	49.75	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	148.50
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	SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	27.60	34.00	29.58	31.50	26.00	—	28.00	GNR W 1	—	37.33	—	—	—	—	6.00
GNR W 2	—	36.00	30.50	31.50	25.00	33.00	14.00	GNR W 2	—	28.50	—	—	—	—	5.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	19.00	21.00	4.00	GNR W 3	—	28.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	15.25	17.50	15.67	—	8.00	GNR W 4	—	21.50	—	—	—	25.00	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	49.50	50.00	—	—	2.00	GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	65.50	1.00
GL W XL	—	41.00	—	46.00	39.17	41.25	9.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	52.00	.50
GL W LG	39.00	37.82	35.94	38.90	37.45	37.00	28.75	GL W XL	37.93	38.50	—	—	—	47.73	3.75
GL W MD	—	31.05	24.83	27.45	31.79	—	21.00	GL W LG	37.83	42.00	—	—	—	45.83	4.00
GL W SM	—	—	19.83	21.50	—	—	6.00	GL W MD	27.00	37.00	—	—	31.00	32.75	11.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	21.00	23.33	22.00	24.25	2.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	20.50	22.00	11.00	NRBS - 42	—	18.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 42	14.00	—	—	—	—	—	5.00	NRBS - 39	—	14.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.00	15.00	11.00	—	2.00	NRBS - 36	—	13.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	10.00	—	1.00								

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/28/99 - 12/04/99****Origin**

State	AZ	AR	CO	IL	IA	MI	MN	MS	MO	NH	NY	OH	OR	SD	TX	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	0	0	0	798	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	0	0	800	0	1,724
C. CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	384	384
S. CA	810	860	1,620	960	1,180	835	4,030	960	1,752	940	960	1,893	70	600	1,280	3,780	0	22,530
TTL STATE	810	860	1,620	960	1,976	835	4,030	960	1,752	940	960	1,893	196	600	1,280	4,580	384	24,638

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	75-78	64-67	42-45	9-12

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-54	42-48	40-45	28-33	21-25

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
26-27	16-18	11-13

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
57.53	50.88	39.18

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/06/99	11/29/99	12/07/98
PACIFIC COAST	91	94	37
LOS ANGELES	0	0	22

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR November 29, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.45
LARGE	143-150	148.24
MEDIUM	124-135	132.41
SMALL	105-109	106.29

Receipts from the mainland:	11/28/99-12/04/99
30-dozen cases	4,427

Receipts from the mainland:	11/21/99-11/27/99
30-dozen cases	3,017

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